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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY TO GUATEMALAN
PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

¶1. A letter addressed to the Secretary from Foreign Minister Edgar Gutierrez, dated September 18, was delivered to the Embassy on September 24. The original letter will be pouched to WHA/CEN. Text of the letter follows.

¶2. Begin Text:

Excellency, Mister Secretary of State:

It is my honor to address you, Excellency, and it is my pleasure to extend an invitation to you to attend the transference of presidential power in Guatemala, which will take place in this capital city on January 14 of 2004. Furthermore, I would like to request that you inform this Chancery of how the Honorable Delegation of your country to this event will be composed.

I take this opportunity to reiterate, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Edgar Gutierrez
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

End Text.

¶3. Comment: Assuming a free and fair election, we do hope that we will have a U.S. presidential delegation attending the January 14 inauguration.

HAMILTON